GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WEST BENGAL
LAKSHMAN CHANDRA SETH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal has approached to the UnionGovernment for financial assistance for relief and rehabilitation of the areas affected by recent flood; and

(b) if so, the quantum of fund released to the State Government of West Bengal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) Yes, Sir. A memorandum had been submitted by the State Government of West- Bengal seeking an assistance of Rs.1487 crores in the wake of severe floods that occurred in the State in the 3rd week of September,2000.

(b): A Central Team visited the affected areas of the State to assess the situation. The Interim Committee constituted for the grant of assistance from National CalamityContingency Fund (NCCF) approved an assistance of Rs.103.25 crores to the State ofWest Bengal which has been released to the State. In addition, in accordance with the allocation decided by the Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC), the State of WestBengal has been released the entire Centre's share of CRF for 2000-2001 amounting to Rs.75.83 crore.